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WARMLY WELCOMED.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain
 at Durban, Natal.

A Frank Speech Delivered By Him In-
 tended to Allay the Fears and
 Gain the Confidence of
 the Burghers.

Durban, Natal, Dec. 27.—Colonial
 Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs.
 Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth
 Eng. November 23, on board the ar-
 mored cruiser Goodhope, landed here
 at 10:20 Friday morning. They re-
 ceived a warm welcome from crowds
 of people.

The long speeches made by Mr.
 Chamberlain in the course of the re-
 ception functions were notable for
 their strong tone of conciliation and
 his expression of confidence in Lord
 Milner, British high commissioner in
 South Africa. Bearing in mind seem-
 ingly the rumors that his visit would
 lead to the displacement of Lord Mil-
 ner, Mr. Chamberlain declared his be-
 lief that his visit would have the ef-
 fect of strengthening the hand of Lord
 Milner, who, he hoped, would be as
 great in conciliation as he had been
 in the maintenance of the rights of the
 empire.

Referring to the war, the Colonial
 secretary said the Dutch and the Brit-
 ish had fought in courageous rivalry.
 Between the two races not kindred in
 origin or nature, such a struggle for
 supremacy had been inevitable. From
 that struggle two proud and kindred
 races would grow in mutual respect
 and appreciation and lasting friendship.
 "Victory and vanquished," said Mr.
 Chamberlain, "bravely played their
 parts. We soon to glory in our tri-
 umph, the enemy need fear no hu-
 miliations in their defeat. Let us see
 as Britons worthy of the name, that
 nothing be done to revive the ani-
 mosities of the past. We must give
 our new fellows equality of position
 with ourselves. We ask, however,
 something in return. It is with them
 that the issues lie. We hold out our
 hand and ask them to take it without
 thought of the past, but frankly and
 in the spirit in which it is offered."

Mr. Chamberlain elaborated his
 theme with eloquence and was loudly
 cheered. He announced indignantly
 the acceptance of the Boer offer to
 fight in Somaliland.

ALEX GRAHAM BELL.

Gives An Idea of a Properly Construc-
 ed Flying Machine.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Dr. Alex-
 ander Graham Bell, who has just re-
 turned to Washington from his sum-
 mer home in Cape Breton island, Fri-
 day night made the following state-
 ment in connection with reports that
 he has invented a flying machine.

"The newspapers have been prema-
 ture in announcing that I have been
 at work upon a flying machine. I have
 not any flying machine at all, and
 have not been trying to make one.
 I am, of course, interested in the
 problem, and have come to the con-
 clusion that a properly constructed
 flying machine should be capable of
 being flown as a kite, if anchored to
 the ground, and that conversely a
 properly constructed kite should be
 capable of use as a flying machine
 provided with suitable means of propul-
 sion."

"My experiments have had as their
 object the building of a kite of solid
 construction capable of carrying up
 in a moderate breeze a weight equiv-
 alent to that of a man and engine,
 and so found that it could be suitable
 for use as the body of a flying ma-
 chine and with supporting surfaces
 so arranged that when the kite is
 cut loose it will come down gently
 and steadily and land uninjured. I
 have successfully accomplished this,
 but do not care at the present time
 to make public the details of con-
 struction."

MERCHANT MURDERED.

Safe Robbed of \$1,200 and the Store
 Burned Down.

Matthews, Ga., Dec. 27.—Edward
 Gay, a merchant running a store six
 miles from here, was murdered early
 Christmas morning and his store burn-
 ed. His safe, which contained \$1,200,
 was found open and the money gone.
 Mr. Gay was called from his home by
 an unknown man who asked him to
 change a bill. Not having the money
 Gay walked with the man to the store
 and did not return. His skull was
 found in the ruins of the store.

Railroad Building.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—According to the
 Railroad Gazette railroad building in
 the United States for 1902 aggregated
 6,025 miles, a total not exceeded in
 any year since 1888. Second track
 sidings and electric lines not included.

Mascagni Arrested.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Signor Pietro
 Mascagni, the Italian composer who
 abandoned his American trip while
 playing in Chicago last week, was
 placed under arrest Friday night on a
 charge of embezzlement by his for-
 mer manager, Richard Head.

To Fight For Statehood.

Denver, Col., Dec. 27.—A special
 from Santa Fe, N. M., says: Gov.
 Otero has started with his wife and
 son, Miguel, for New York. From
 there he will go to Washington to en-
 gage in the fight for statehood.

THE ISLAND OF GUAM.

Annual Report of Commander Seaton
 Schroeder.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The annual
 report of Commander Seaton Schroeder,
 governor of the Island of Guam, which
 is dated July 16, and which has just
 reached the navy department, owing
 to the failure of congress to ap-
 propriate the sum asked for last year.
 The receipts last year were in round
 numbers \$66,000 and the expenditures
 \$57,000, leaving a balance of \$9,000
 which, however, is a decrease of over
 \$13,000 in the cash balance for the
 preceding year. This loss is due
 largely to the unexpected expenses in-
 cident to the establishment of the lep-
 er colony and the decrease of over
 \$10,000 in import duties.

Commander Schroeder reports that
 it has been deemed prudent to stop
 all work of public improvement until
 further appropriations are made. The
 value of exports and imports during
 the year have been respectively \$35,
 349 and \$35,165. The exports consist-
 ed almost entirely of Mexican dollars.
 Not a pound of copper has been ex-
 ported, and neither cocoa or coffee
 has been produced in sufficient quan-
 tities to supply the home market, owing
 to the slow recoveries from the ef-
 fects of the hurricane of 1900.

The governor recommends that if a
 Philippine silver dollar of fixed value
 is to be coined under the laws of the
 United States, that it be made legal
 tender also in Guam in place of the
 present Mexican dollar. The census
 of the island taken last autumn shows
 the total population to be 9,676, of
 whom only 16 are foreigners, 14 being
 citizens of the United States. The
 latter does not include officers and
 men of the navy or other civil em-
 ployes, temporarily imported from the
 United States. Above the age of 7,
 46 per cent. of the natives read and
 write Spanish. He says that the na-
 tives still continue to refuse to allow
 their sick to receive medical atten-
 tion, but that conditions are improv-
 ing, an excess of births over deaths
 being shown for each of the last two
 years.

Commander Schroeder says that
 there are now 24 lepers in seclusion at
 Tumon bay. The governor recom-
 mends improvements in facilities for
 education and also that the laws for
 the government of the islands should
 be remodeled and modified. The gov-
 ernor says there is a desire for United
 States citizenship among persons dom-
 icated in the island. He calls atten-
 tion to the case of Pedro M. Duarte,
 at present the auditor of the island.
 He occupies an anomalous position.
 He was an officer in the Spanish army
 who resigned after the war and who
 obtained an acceptance of renuncia-
 tion of allegiance. The result is that
 today he is a citizen of no country.

THE EARTHQUAKES.

Fifteen Thousand Houses Destroyed—
 People Living in Caves.

Ashkabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec.
 27.—The oscillations of the earth at
 Ashkabad continue. The people there
 are using railroad cars to live in so
 they are not leaving town on account
 of their business interests. Commit-
 tees have been appointed to prepare
 lists of the losses to life and property.
 In the Andijan district 1,000 houses
 were destroyed. Until the shocks
 cease, guards will be kept on the rail-
 road between Fodubek and Andijan
 to watch for fissures along the line.
 The railroad station at Andijan threat-
 ens to collapse. Barracks to be used
 as dwellings are being rapidly con-
 structed and will soon be ready for
 occupancy.

NOVELTY TO BE INTRODUCED.

The Santa Fe Co. Will Build a Rail-
 road By Electric Light.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Building a rail-
 road by electric light is a novelty
 which will be introduced by the Santa
 Fe Co. when it begins construction
 of its out-of to connect Pecos Valley
 line with its main line in New Mexico.
 In the construction of the out-of line
 which will begin within two months,
 500 men will be put to work in Alto
 Pass canyon and a large electric light
 plant will be installed at the mouth
 of the canyon, so that men can work
 at night as well as day.

Appointed Chief of Sculpture.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Carl Theodore
 Francis Bitter has been appointed
 chief of sculpture of the Louisiana
 Purchase exposition, taking the place
 of Frederick W. Ruckstuhl, resigned.
 Mr. Bitter, early home was in Vi-
 enna, Austria, where he attended art
 schools and studied sculpture.

Mill To Be Put in Operation.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 27.—It was an-
 nounced Friday that the Greer tin mill
 at Newcaste would be put in opera-
 tion on the first Monday in January.
 The Shenango plant will begin opera-
 tion of 20 of its 30 mills at the same
 time. The mills have been idle since
 July.

Village Almost Destroyed.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 27.—Glenn
 Allen, a village in Washington county,
 with a population of between four and
 five hundred was almost totally de-
 stroyed by fire Friday morning, only
 two business blocks and an oil mill
 being saved.

Natural Gas in Wyoming.

Douglas, Wyo., Dec. 27.—Natural
 gas has been discovered 13 miles west
 of here in an oil well. The gas threw
 gravel and sand far above the sur-
 face and was accompanied by a small
 flow of oil.

WILL PAY HER DEBTS.

Guarantees Them By a Percent-
 age on Customs Receipts.

It is Understood Venezuela Will Make
 Any Concessions, Even Abandon-
 ing Her Demand That Her
 Navy Be Returned.

Caracas, Dec. 29.—United States
 Minister Bowen and Lopez Baralt,
 Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs,
 held a long conference Saturday night.
 Mr. Bowen, on receiving instructions
 from Washington, conveyed to Senor
 Baralt President Roosevelt's refusal
 to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan
 difficulty. He recommended that the
 matter be taken to the international
 peace court at The Hague, which had
 been expressly organized to consider
 questions in which the honor of a
 country or the disposition of territory
 were not concerned. He suggested
 the organization of a commission to
 sit in Washington by their ambas-
 sadors to the United States and Ven-
 ezuela by a delegate. The commis-
 sion is to sign a document setting
 forth the matters to be decided at The
 Hague court. Mr. Bowen said also
 that Germany would not press for an
 immediate payment and that she had
 agreed to accept a guarantee based
 on a percentage of the customs re-
 ceipts.

As a result of this conference Senor
 Baralt telegraphed President Castro
 to return from La Victoria. The pre-
 sident will reach here Monday and
 Venezuela's answer to the foregoing
 proposal will be given then.
 It is understood that Venezuela will
 make any concessions, even abandon-
 ing her demand that her navy be re-
 turned. Through the Venezuelan de-
 legate to the commission the Ven-
 ezuelan government will ask that the
 blockade be lifted at once. Senor Bar-
 alt has expressed the desire that Mr.
 Bowen represent Venezuela on the
 commission, if Mr. Bowen can not ac-
 cept the post it is suggested in official
 circles that it be given to W. W.
 Russell, secretary to the American legation.

Senor Baralt has prepared the fol-
 lowing statement for the public:
 "Venezuela agrees to pay all her
 debts, the payments to be guaran-
 teed by a certain percentage of the
 customs receipts or by the flotation
 of a special loan also to be guaran-
 teed. I believe the proposal to sub-
 mit the issues to The Hague will be
 acceptable to President Castro. I am
 sure that President Roosevelt will
 be unable to act as arbitrator."

Millenstad, Caracas, Dec. 29.—The
 Venezuelan revolutionists have re-
 sumed active hostilities against Presi-
 dent Castro. There occurred Satur-
 day morning a lively engagement be-
 tween 1,200 revolutionists, under Gen.
 Riera, and government forces at Can-
 yagua, in the vicinity of Coro. Details
 of the engagement are lacking, but it
 is known here that the revolutionists
 had artillery. The government forces
 were commanded by Gen. Riera. The
 Gen. Riera retained his position.
 The armistice between the govern-
 ment and the revolutionists has just
 expired.

News has reached here from an au-
 thoritative source in Caracas that Vi-
 cente Gomez, first vice president of the
 republic, intends to carry out a bold
 strategic stroke against President
 Castro.
 Gen. Zuloa Vidal and five other lead-
 ing supporters of Gen. Matos, who had
 sought refuge here, left the island of
 Curacao early Saturday morning in a
 sailboat, which took them in the direc-
 tion of Curacao near Coro on the
 Venezuelan coast. The departure of
 these men is taken as proof that the re-
 volt against President Castro is again
 active.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN HOME.

Assistance Offered By the Colored
 Normal School at Norman, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 29.—Col. J.
 M. Falkner has received a letter from
 W. H. Council of the colored normal
 school at Norman, Ala., offering as-
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Negro and His Wife Lynched.

Greenwood, S. C., Dec. 29.—W. K.
 Ryan, a prominent young farmer of the
 Tray section of this county, was mur-
 dered in his own yard by a Negro,
 Oliver Wideman, or his wife, both of
 them living on the place, and a few
 hours later both of the Negroes were
 lynched by lay's infuriated neighbors.

Died While Praying.

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 prayer meeting three miles from town,
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 ganization of a national church in the Phil-
 ippines.

POISONED WINE.

One Man Is Dead and Woman and
 Daughter Made Sick.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Poisoned. It is
 charged, by means of a bottle of wine
 given as a Christmas present, Richard
 Cummings, 59 years of age, died Sun-
 day at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Shana-
 han, 1228 Ashland avenue, where he
 was boarding. William Moniak, his
 wife, Mrs. Theresa Moniak, his
 14-year-old daughter, Mary, of 4226
 Ashland avenue, were arrested Sunday
 on suspicion of having poisoned Cum-
 mings.

A bitter quarrel is said to have taken
 place between Cummings and Mrs.
 Shanahan on one side, and the Moniaks
 on the other. The wine, according
 to the story told the police, was given
 to Mrs. Shanahan by Mary Moniak
 on behalf of her parents as a peace
 offering. Mrs. Shanahan drank some
 of it and said she suffered from
 severe pains soon afterward. She of-
 fered some of the wine to her niece,
 Cummings drank the remainder and
 died 24 hours later.

"I have been poisoned by that bottle
 of wine and want the people who gave
 it to me arrested," were the last
 words to Mrs. Shanahan. Dr. William
 T. Kirby, who attended him, received
 a similar statement.
 An examination of Cummings' stom-
 ach will be made Monday. Moniak and
 his wife deny that they had any knowl-
 edge of poison being in the wine.

DEATH OF MRS. FREMONT.

The Wife of the "Pathfinder" Passed
 Away at the Age of 78 Years.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Je-
 ssie Benton Fremont, widow of Gen.
 Fremont, who died Saturday night at
 her home at 1107 West Twenty-eighth
 street in this city, was 78 years of
 age. Mrs. Fremont was taken ill on
 Christmas. She grew rapidly worse
 and lapsed into unconsciousness from
 which she never rallied. For three
 years the aged widow of the "Path-
 finder" had been extremely feeble as
 a result of a fall in which she suf-
 fered dislocation of the hip, which has
 since prevented her from walking. A
 naturally strong constitution was im-
 paired by the shock of the fall and her
 tendency of a trained nurse, her at-
 tended by a certain percentage of the
 decline of her strength. Mrs. Fremont
 was the daughter of Thomas H. Ben-
 ton, for 30 years a senator in the
 United States senate.

STRUCK A ROLK.

The Army Transport Sherman Dam-
 aged South of Luzon.

Manila, Dec. 29.—The United States
 army transport Sherman struck a
 rock near San Bernardino light, south
 of Luzon, Friday night. The trans-
 port sustained a heavy shock and
 some of the heavy plates were dam-
 aged. After the accident 23 inches
 of water was found in her forward
 bilges, but was controlled by steady
 pumping. The steamer proceeded for
 Manila under her own steam and ar-
 rived here Sunday.

When the Sherman struck the pas-
 sengers on board were terrified, but
 there was no disorder. They promptly
 took their stations with life preservers
 on in the small boats. The officers of
 the Sherman handled the situation
 splendidly. Her cargo was not
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A TERRIBLE WRECK.

Twenty-Eight Killed and Many
 Hurt on a Canadian Road.

The Operator Who Failed to Deliver
 the Order to the Conductor Says
 It Was Cancelled by the
 Dispatcher.

London, Ont., Dec. 29.—There were
 no deaths Sunday among the persons
 injured in Friday night's collision at
 Wainstead on the Seneca branch of the
 Grand Trunk railway between Pacific
 express No. 2, west-bound, and an
 east-bound freight in which 28 per-
 sons lost their lives. At Victoria hospi-
 tal several of the injured are still in
 a serious condition but it is expected
 that all will recover. The body of
 Freeman Richards, of the express
 train, which was Saturday night be-
 lieved to be buried under the wrecked
 engines, was found Sunday covered
 with snow in the ditches beside the
 track. One arm was completely torn
 off and the body was otherwise mas-
 ticated. Death must have been instan-
 taneous.

Andrew Carson, the operator at Wat-
 ford, the first station east of the
 wreck, whose failure to deliver orders
 to Conductor McAniff, of the Pacific
 express, to pass the freight at Wain-
 stead, is said by the Grand Trunk of-
 ficials to have caused the wreck. Sun-
 day afternoon made his first state-
 ment since the wreck. He says he re-
 ceived the order for No. 2, the ex-
 press, to pass the freight at Wain-
 stead at 9:15 o'clock, but declares pos-
 itively that a few minutes later Dis-
 patcher J. G. Kerr at London, called
 him and ordered him to "hold" or can-
 cel the order. He said "About 9:54
 after calling Wyoming and ascertain-
 ing that the freight was there the dis-
 patcher called me rapidly a half dozen
 times. When I answered on the wire
 he told me to 'hold' this order. I
 wrote 'hold' across the order just
 as No. 2 was coming in. Conductor
 McAniff came in and asked me what
 the order board was out against him
 for. I told him that we had an order
 for him, but the dispatcher had 'hold'
 ed it. He asked me to hurry and
 write him a clearance order, which I
 did. After the train had started and
 was out of my reach the dispatcher
 learned that the freight had left Wy-
 oning. I told him I could not stop
 No. 2 as it had left. He immediately
 began calling Kings Court Junction
 the station between Watford and
 Wainstead on the railroad wire and
 I tried to raise them on a commercial
 wire. We both failed to do this, how-
 ever until after the express had pass-
 ed the junction."

FOUR BODIES RECOVERED.

Explosion in the Little Redstone Mine
 Near Fayette City, Pa.

Fayette City, Pa., Dec. 29.—Four
 bodies have been recovered from the
 Little Redstone mine, two miles above
 here, where the explosion occurred
 Saturday night. There may yet be
 another victim beneath the pile of de-
 bris in one of the entries.
 The dead are victims of their own
 carelessness. It is claimed by the
 mine officials, because they deliber-
 ately passed a danger signal while carry-
 ing naked lamps.

BECAME DESPERATE BY WANT.

An Old Soldier Poisoned His Grand-
 daughter and Cut His Throat.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 29.—Calvin Car-
 son, an old confederate soldier, driven
 to desperation by want, with his grand-
 daughter, a helpless cripple, dependent
 upon him, gave the girl carbolic acid
 and cut his own throat at 7 o'clock
 Sunday morning. The girl has been a
 cripple from birth and was 21 years
 old. When found at 8 o'clock by an-
 other tenant of the house she was
 dead. The man is dangerously wound-
 ed, but he may recover.

Severe Earthquake Shocks.

Rome, Dec. 29.—A severe earth-
 quake shock was experienced at Syr-
 acuse, Sicily, Sunday evening. It was
 preceded by several subterranean rum-